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BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 29, 1964

A meeting of the Board of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing will be held in Room 133, Mason Building, Lansing at 7:30 p.m., January 29, 1964. This is to review the past and take a look at the future. Things to be considered will be plans for MICHIGAN WEEK which is May 17-23. Review of our printing of TOWN CRIER and other publications.

In addition to the trustees and officers we would like past presidents Kebler and Clark, Charles Leneweaver and John Symonds to join us.

THE HISTORY OF LANSING CLASS TO JOIN US

Ford Ceasar conducts The History of Lansing Class for teachers and this year some school nurses are joining this group. They will attend our March, April and May meetings. We welcome them to our meetings.

Mr. Ceasar reports that January 10 he addressed the Fortnightly group at the Women's Club House and on January 2 the Opti-Mrs Club and gave a talk on the History of Lansing.

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO STELLA ROSSOW AND DOYLE FITZPATRICK to membership in the Society.

MICHIGAN WEEK May 17-23

If anyone has any special ideas about a special program to celebrate this occasion please let us hear it at the February meeting.

NEGRO MIGRATION INTO MICHIGAN is the topic of our March 11 meeting. Mrs. Rose Brunson will be our guest speaker. WATCH MARCH TOWN CRIER FOR DETAILS.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

Our February 12, 1964, meeting is to be held at the STATE LIBRARY, 735 E. Michigan, Lansing Michigan Section, third floor. Elevator is available. Entrance: Michigan Avenue. There is sufficient parking space in State lot on Hosmer northeast of the building. Meeting starts at 7:30.

Chairman Joseph Druse reports plans for the workshop include a preliminary discussion of resources available in the library by a panel of experienced researchers.

Panel members will be available throughout the evening to answer questions.

AN INTRODUCTION TO JOE!

Dr. Joseph L. Druse has been a member of the Michigan State University faculty since September 1954. At first an instructor of humanities, he has since risen to the position of associate professor.

He was born in Racine, Wisconsin and earned the B.Ed. degree at Wisconsin State College in 1946. In 1949, he was granted the M.A. degree at Marquette University, and in 1955, he received the Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago.

From 1936 to 1942, Dr. Druse was a teacher in the elementary schools of Racine County in Wisconsin. His work was interrupted by service in the United States Air Force from 1942-46. He then became an assistant instructor at Marquette University in 1948 and an instructor at St. Joseph's College at Collegeville, Indiana, from 1949 to 1953.

His hobbies are: Genealogy, discussion clubs, local history and cooking.

Joe Druse has contributed great enthusiasm to our Society and is one of its very loyal members. He will be in charge of our Family History night program--this being his special interest.

For the past two years Druse has been in Nigeria in connection with his work with Michigan State University's educational program.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OPENS
THREE NEW EXHIBITS:

A trip to the University's museum offers a new room--reproducing a dentist's office at the turn of the century. Other new displays includes an exhibit of men's wear, a women's dress shop, ca. 1870-1880. Museum curators report the costumes will be changed each month.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS EXHIBITION

Indians of America--January 6-March 8. Depicts American Indian crafts. The American Indian has been the subject of artistic attention since the discovery of the North American Continent by European explorers.

Early engravings showing Indian costume and custom, paintings by such 19th century artists as George Catlin and John Mix Stanley, and 20th century water colors of Indian life by Indian artists are included in this exhibition.

There will be displays of various Indian crafts: pottery, basketry, bead work, and flint objects.

18th exhibition for Michigan Artis-Craftsmen, January 14-February 9 opens in Gallery 38 at Detroit Institute of Arts. The 314 items in the exhibit were selected from 1,107 entries and includes textiles, ceramics, metalwork, and miscellaneous items.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

--Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, Midland, is holding its annual history show in the exhibit hall of the library in March. This show--their 8th annual--will be TRUNKS, CHESTS, AND BOXES. Public invited.

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FORGOTTEN COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL MICHIGAN

OLDSMOBILE again deserves our thanks for the publication of Mr. Ceasar's annual report which was given last May. It is a beautiful publication and we are truly grateful to both Mr. Ceasar and OLDSMOBILE.

These were distributed at our January meeting COME TO OUR FEBRUARY MEETING AND RECEIVE YOUR COPY. Mr. Ceasar will be there to autograph.

PLEASE CHECK AND SEE IF YOU HAVE THE PUBLICATIONS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU--

Due to lack of funds for postage we have been trying to distribute our publications at our meetings. However, we are now in a quandry as to which members have their publications. It has been impossible to keep close track of this matter.

AVAILABLE ARE: Transportation in Lansing Prior to 1905, by Dr. Frank Elliott; Impact of Nature on American Culture, R. D. Burroughs; Forgotten Communities of Central Michigan, Ford Stevens Ceasar.

Please contact Mrs. Wallin for any issues you may be lacking.

WANTED--INTERIOR PICTURES OF THE BARNES MANSION--by Floyd Gibbs. Telephone 373-0372. Floyd has acquired and preserved some of the wood trim, fireplaces and the like from this house. Original architectural drawings are available at the State Archives but there is paucity of photographs.